

REMARKS

Claims 20, and 22-36 are in this application.

It is submitted that claims 20, 22-23, 25-28, 30-34 and 36 are not obvious over claims 1-16 of US patent no. 6,420,146 in view of Yuan (US Patent 6,153,416); claim 24 is not obvious over claims 1-16 of US patent no. 6,420,146 in view of Yuan (US Patent 6,153,416) as applied to claims 20, 22-23, 25-28, 30-34 and 36 and further in view of Moreton et al. (US patent 4,778,630) and Shimizu et al. (US Patent 4,355,111; claim 29 is not obvious over claims 1-16 of US patent no. 6,420,146 in view of Yuan (US Patent 6,153,416) as applied to claims 20, 22-23, 25-28, 30-34 and 36 and further in view of Husain et al. (US patent 6,361,695); and claim 35 is not obvious over claims 1-16 of US patent no. 6,420,146 in view of Yuan (US Patent 6,153,416) as applied to claims 20, 22-23, 25-28, 30-34 and 36 and further in view of Kikuta et al. (US patent 5,990,191).

However, to expedite prosecution, a terminal disclaimer in regard to US patent 6,420,146 is being filed herewith. Applicants submit that this is sufficient to overcome the obviousness type double patenting rejection of :

- 1) claims 20, 22-23, 25-28, 30-34 and 36 over claims 1-16 of US patent no. 6,420,146 in view of Yuan (US Patent 6,153,416);
- 2) claim 24 over claims 1-16 of US patent no. 6,420,146 in view of Yuan (US Patent 6,153,416) as applied to claims 20, 22-23, 25-28, 30-34 and 36 and further in view of Moreton et al. (US patent 4,778,630) and Shimizu et al. (US Patent 4,355,111;
- 3) claim 29 over claims 1-16 of US patent no. 6,420,146 in view of Yuan (US Patent 6,153,416) as applied to claims 20, 22-23, 25-28, 30-34 and 36 and further in view of Husain et al. (US patent 6,361,695);
- 4) claim 35 over claims 1-16 of US patent no. 6,420,146 in view of Yuan (US

Patent 6,153,416) as applied to claims 20, 22-23, 25-28, 30-34 and 36 and further in view of Kikuta et al. (US patent 5,990,191) and

5) all other rejections alleged by the Examiner in the Official Action.

All rights to file one or more divisional and/or continuation applications for any subject matter disclosed and not presently claimed in preserved. All rights to submit additional arguments in furtherance of the showing that the claims are not obvious over the cited references is preserved.

It is respectfully requested that the rejections made by the Examiner be withdrawn and that this application be allowed.

Respectfully submitted

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